

BOLD, BAD TRIO OF BOY BURGLARS.

Their Misdeeds Caused Much Discomfort and Mystified the Police.

When They Found no Cash to Steal They Usually Destroyed Papers or Furniture.

SUNDAYS WERE THEIR BUSY DAYS.

They Varied Their Robberies by Lurching on Dainties and Sherry When They Failed to Find the Coveted Champagne.

Three boy burglars, whom the police declare to be "as good thieves as are in New York," were turned over to the officers of the Gory Society yesterday that will be held to answer for twenty-one burglaries, to which they have confessed. The lads are Thomas M. Brennan, fifteen years old, of No. 515 Canal street; Daniel Maloney, fifteen years old, of No. 306 Greenwich street, and Patrick Connors, thirteen years old, of No. 50 Beach street.

Despite their youth, the lads are as hardened as they well can be. Sitting in Captain Cross's office in the Leonard Street Police Station yesterday, they laughed and boasted of how they had committed robberies while detectives were searching the neighborhood for them. Then all of them laughed and chuckled while their mothers in the squad room of the station cried and told the detectives there must be some mistake.

PROUD OF THEIR THIEVERY.
"It's no such thing," said little Pat Connors. "We done all we told the cops about and some more, too, only I forget 'em now."

Late in the day the lads were taken before Magistrate Wentworth in the Centre Street Police Court and were held in \$1,000 bail for examination to-morrow.

The crimes for which the boys were arrested had been puzzling the police for a month. Most of them were committed on Sundays. As a rule little plunder was taken, although much damage was done.

Detective Mangin in hunting for the robbers came across young Connors. Thinking the boy might know if some of his older acquaintances had done the work he questioned Connors closely. The boy denied all knowledge of the robberies. An hour later he was caught with his two companions as they were leaving a building which they had ransacked from cellar to roof.

The crimes to which they confess date back only to February 13. How many more burglaries they have committed the police have no means of knowing. During the earliest of the burglaries Connors was still an inmate of the Catholic Protectory, and Brennan and Maloney worked alone.

SOME OF THEIR HANDWORK.
They say that on the afternoon of February 13 they broke into the hay and feed store of W. V. Lewis, No. 207 Franklin street. Climbing to the roof of a shed they broke open a window and ransacked the place. Desks were forced open and papers scattered or destroyed. The only things the boys carried away were forty cigars and a pair of gloves. Their next robbery was on the following Sunday, when they broke a window and entered the office of George Heberman, a poultry dealer at No. 214 Washington street. Here they searched desks and destroyed business papers, but carried away nothing.

Climbing through a rear window, they forced an entrance to the adjoining building, occupied by William Cucksey, a commission merchant. Here they broke open all the desks and stole \$3 in pennies. No more burglaries were attempted for a week. Then they broke into Leon Hirsch & Son's chemical store, at No. 370 Greenwich street. Not finding anything they wanted, they broke open desks and then went out upon the roof. Next they broke open the scuttle to No. 375 Green-

drank more than the others, and was very drunk when they left. They managed to get to the roof of the hay and feed store of Williams & Rikerson, of Nos. 52, 54 and 56 Harrison street. There Maloney fell down an elevator shaft, but managed to climb up again. They searched the place and got only \$1.50.

Disgusted with their failure to obtain much money, they decided to do better when they went out last Sunday. They began by entering the store of Henry Bunker & Co., No. 109 West street. They searched from cellar to roof, but got nothing. Forcing the skylight of No. 203 West street, they entered the hardware store of Alexander Pollock & Co. There they found \$1.25, and took three knives from a case. At No. 47 Jay street they entered the office of P. C. Thompson & Co. and carried away thirty-eight gold-plated rings. The office of Melnhold & Helmsman in the same building was entered, but nothing taken. Several other buildings were entered, and the boys maliciously damaged furniture where they found nothing to steal.

BEGINNING TO BE GOURMANDS.
Getting hungry, they broke into the wholesale grocery store of O. W. Van Campen & Son, No. 5 Jay street. They ate three boxes of sardines and a quantity of preserved fruit, candy and figs, winding up with cigars. The offices of J. K. Mead & Brother and F. C. Haviland's Sons, at No. 202 West street, were visited, but nothing was taken from them. It was while leaving this building that the boys were caught.

Brennan and Maloney are fairly well dressed and attend school. Connors is poorly dressed, and has a queer, wrinkled face, which makes him look years older than he is. He was arrested a year ago for robbing the store of F. C. Korn, No. 327 Greenwich street, and was sent to the Catholic Protectory, from which he was recently released.

Maloney was arrested December 23, 1894, for the robbery of a cigar store, but was discharged. Brennan was arrested about the same time for robbing a store in Harlem. He also was set free.

"I am heartily glad we have caught the boys," said Captain Cross. "They have made lots of trouble for the police. They worked with all the daring and shrewdness of experienced thieves, and are dangerous even if they are young."

WOMEN TO BE ADMITTED.

The New Jersey Methodist Episcopal Conference Votes for Their Representation.

Bridgeport, N. J., March 16.—At to-day's session of the New Jersey Methodist Episcopal Conference Dr. Hanlon presented an able argument in favor of the admission of women in the General Conference. The Rev. Jesse Thompson and C. W. Healey also spoke in favor of it. Eli Gifford and Dr. Hewitt talked in opposition. The vote resulted in favor of the resolution by 68 to 20.

Another resolution was also adopted restricting representation from one delegate to forty-five members of the conference, sixty-five members from the Conference to the General Conference.

Memorial services were held this afternoon for teachers who had died during the year. The appointments for the coming year will be announced to-morrow.

MADE AN ANTI-NUPTIAL RAID.

Duryea and His Catherine Charge with Stealing to Establish a Home.

Samuel Yesky, of No. 240 East Forty-ninth street, last night caused the arrest of Catherine Keyes, a domestic in his employ, charging her with the larceny of a quantity of jewelry, valued at \$205.

The Keyes girl has a sweetheart named Martin Duryea, who lives at Forty-first street and Third avenue. Last Saturday night he called on the girl while Mr. Yesky and his wife were out and the two made a search of the rooms in the house and took everything of value. Mr. Yesky discovered his loss, and reported the case to the East Fifty-first street police. The arrest of the girl followed. Duryea was arrested later.

Another Bottle Message from the Sea.

A letter dated January 12, 1895, "Lat. 44, long. 85," bark Ada, from Liverpool to London," and signed Andrew Strande, was received by Commissioner Roosevelt yesterday, having been forwarded by J. M. Titcomb, No. 421 Marshall street, Philadelphia, who states that it was found on the shore of Lake Worth, Florida. The letter is a harrowing recital of shipwreck and

FOUR PROVINCES LYING IN ASHES.

Thus Far the Cuban Insurrection Has Destroyed More Than Sixty Towns.

People in the Rural Districts Now Subsist Mainly on Tropical Fruits.

THOUSANDS REPORTED DESTITUTE.

General Weyler Threatens American Planters Who Petition the Paying of a Tax to Insurgents so They Might Save Their Crops.

Havana, March 16.—Some idea of the devastation already wrought by the war in



Types of Character at the Sportsmen's Show.

At the big exhibition, opened yesterday at Madison Square Garden, are displayed the wholesome attractions of outdoor life in their most inviting form. Trappers and guides have curious devices to show how game bags may be filled in Maine and in the Rockies. Indian tents are pitched amid modern inventions and the Twentieth Century girl is there to show her more timid fasters the means at their command to partake of the pleasures of field and stream.

Cuba may be gathered from the following list of towns which have been destroyed in the four western provinces:

In Havana Province.
Benjucal, Jaruco, Wajay, Melena, del Sur, Balboa, Lecatallina, Samhuellos, Nueva Paz.

In Pinar del Rio Province.
Cabanias, Cayajabos, Pajuelos, Paso Real, San Diego de los Baños, Vinales, San Juan Martinez, Montecarlo, Los Arroyos, Cuana, Bahla, Honia, San Diego, Nunez, Quilebra, Hachia.

In Matanzas Province.
Macagua, San Jose, Los Ramos, Roque, Toriente.

In Santa Clara.
Amaro, Salamanca, Mata, Flora, Maitiem, San Juan Los Yeras, Ranchuelo.

Besides these over twenty-five towns have been half burned. Most of these towns have been burned by the insurgents, for resisting attacks, or because they were being used as depots of supplies for Government troops.

In some cases, like that of Cabanias, the insurgents demolished the town to prevent the insurgents from occupying it. Very little of the destruction has been done wantonly by either side.

four times the customary price, and codfish, imported in large quantities for consumption in the interior, is offered for 1½ cents per pound, but a little more than the duty alone.

Thousands of people are destitute, and were it not for tropical fruits and the tropical climate, starvation would be theirs. General Weyler's decree, in ordering the confiscation of property in Havana and Pinar del Rio provinces of all who fall to report allegiance to Spain, has produced great indignation. His decrees against planters and others who contribute funds or aid to the insurgents in any way applies to the case of American owners of estates who have paid money to insurgents to the protection of their property.

Yesterday three owners of estates not twenty miles from Havana called upon General Weyler, and asked permission to pay a tax to the insurgents so that they could be permitted to grind and save their crops. Weyler became very angry at once, and told his callers that if they paid a penny to the rebels he would have them locked up as traitors to Spain.

General Pando, in command of the Second Corps at Santa Clara, has issued a proclamation calling upon every citizen to join the volunteers, and declaring that all who are able to carry arms and do not do so show weakness in their patriotic sentiments. All mayors of towns are directed to prepare lists of all who are indifferent or suspected and send them to him.

At a mass meeting called for the purpose in Santa Clara, General Luque read the decree and called upon all to obey it. He said in his address: "Do not believe that our situation is critical. Every day we chastise the rebels, but there is a nation now that wishes to sympathize with those borders, and the hour has come when the Spanish should be on one side and on the other side those who sympathize with Americans."

Thursday 110 political prisoners or suspects arrived in Havana from Santa Clara and were sent to Morro Castle.

MACEO IN PINAR DEL RIO.

The Insurgent Leader Has Crossed Havana Province—Great Activity in Other Parts.

Havana, March 16.—Antonio Maceo, the insurgent leader, with his forces, has crossed the Province of Havana and entered the Province of Pinar del Rio.

The Espana Battalion met 1,000 insurgents under Laceret or Zayas at Xenos, near Palma, east of Havana, and an engagement took place that lasted two hours. It is reported that the rebels left seven dead on the field and carried other dead and wounded off with them. The troops lost three wounded.

Insurgents have entered the town of Guana, Province of Havana, and sacked and burned a number of stores. Their presence caused a panic. There were no losses in the rebel attack on the town of Batubano Saturday. The insurgents burned Police Headquarters, the Town Hall, a church, a number of stores, two coffee houses, five residences and fifty-three frame buildings. They practically reduced the town to ashes. A gunboat in the harbor shelled the rebels during the attack. A rebel band has burned the buildings on Labranto estate and a residence on La Vega estate, near Colon.

Office Building Deluged.
About two weeks ago a fire at No. 1242 Broadway burned a portion of the roof, and instead of putting a new roof on the building the owner placed boards covered with tar-pentine on the top of the building. The heavy snowstorm of Sunday night and yesterday and the rain which followed weakened the structure and last night it fell. Several thousand gallons of water went down through the elevator shaft with a crash, flooding the apartments and offices throughout the building. In the office of L. J. Finch, an advertising agent, on the first floor, the water completely drenched the papers and books which were on file there. Fire Patrolman Kaufmann, who was on duty there, ran in and managed to get some of the papers out of the way. Two or three feet of water is in the cellar.

Here, in Havana, these things are worth

CHASED A ROBBER THROUGH THE STORM.

Two Servants Tucked Up Their Skirts and Pursued a Man Who Stole from Their Mistress.

He Had Helped Himself to All of Mrs. Wineburgh's Solid Silver Knives, Forks and Spoons.

TESTED THEM FIRST WITH ACID.

Admitted by a Laundry Messenger, He Told Mrs. Wineburgh He Had Been Inspecting the Pipes.

A well-dressed thief succeeded in getting admission to the residence of Mr. Wineburgh, No. 25 West Seventy-sixth street, at noon yesterday, and stole two dozen solid silver knives, forks and spoons. Although he was almost detected in the act, and was met leaving the house by Mrs. Wineburgh, who had just returned from a short shopping tour, he allayed her suspicions by politely addressing her by name, and adding that his inspection of the "pipes" had proven satisfactory.

Mrs. Wineburgh looked around for one of the four servants employed in the house. Not one of them was in sight. This struck her at once as suspicious, and she loudly called:

"Freda! Freda!" That is the name of the nurse and upstairs girl, who usually responds to calls at the door. She has been employed by the Wineburghs for three years, and is a trusted servant. Surmising that something was wrong, she hurried downstairs.

"Who is the strange man who has just left?" exclaimed Mrs. Wineburgh.

The waitress and cook appeared, but neither had seen the stranger.

"My God; he has stolen the silverware!" exclaimed the waitress, as she took a hurried glance at the dining room. The drawers were open and several knives, spoons and a bundle of napkins were lying on the floor in a confused heap.

Freda was the first to act. She dashed up the basement steps to the sidewalk, followed by the waitress. Both girls are buxom and fleet of foot, and did not mind the falling rain, which was coming down in torrents on their uncovered heads.

The strange man had not reached the corner of the Boulevard. Freda and the waitress tucked up their skirts and started in hot pursuit. They would have got nearer to the thief if they had not suddenly exclaimed: "Stop, thief!" He saw them coming and sped around the corner of Seventy-sixth street into the middle of the Boulevard road. Freda and the waitress yelled all the louder, but the feet-footed thief, turning down Seventy-eighth street, was lost to sight.

Investigation showed that the thief had carefully examined the drawers of the sideboard and opened and inspected several closets in the dining room.

Mr. Wineburgh was astonished to discover that the thief had not attempted to carry off any of the silverware and elaborate pieces of silverware with which the sideboard and dining room table were laden. The reason for the thief's apparent oversight was discovered later, when it was seen that he had coolly tested with acid the various pieces of plate, and the rich-

looking pieces were not solid. Luckily for Mrs. Wineburgh, most of the solid pieces were safely stowed away in a closet on the second floor, where they were placed only a few days ago.

The thief is described as a tall, fairly well dressed man, whose short, black mustache was carefully oiled and curled at the ends. His trousers were turned up at the bottom. He was seen in the neighborhood several times between the hours of 11 and 12. There was nothing suspicious in his appearance. About noon a wagon of the Troy Laundry drove up to the Wineburgh residence, which is one of the most imposing on the block, and the driver was admitted by the cook. He had called to get the family washing. Five minutes later, as he was leaving the house with the bundle of soiled clothing, the strange man ran down the front steps in a leisurely-like manner and ordered the boy to leave the door open. The boy bent under the weight of the big bag of clothing, tossed the bundle into the wagon and drove off.

All the girls, with the exception of the cook, were upstairs. The latter thought she heard the laundry boy close the door, and went ahead with her cooking. The thief worked unintermittently until Mrs. Wineburgh's return. He could see her as she came down the basement steps. About a year ago the Wineburgh household was visited by a thief, who, however, only succeeded in stealing a gold watch and chain, and those belonged to the girl Freda. Detective Long, of the West Sixty-eighth Street Station, is working on the case.

BATTLED FOR THE PULPIT.

Two New England Ministers Fight Before the Flock for the Right to Preach.

Boston, March 16.—The unusual sight of two rival ministers fighting in front of a pulpit to decide which of them should occupy it was witnessed by the church-going people of Buzzard's Bay last Sunday. There is no church building in the village, but early last Fall it was announced that religious services would be held every Sunday afternoon in Franklin Hall, and a minister would come up from the village of Bourne to officiate.

There had been revivals in the Bourne village, and quite a large number of conversions had been made, when suddenly the minister failed to appear for several Sundays, owing, it is said, to the inclement weather. The villagers then sent down and got a minister from Pocasset. The Bourne minister was a Baptist, but the services went on smoothly until last Sunday when, to the surprise of the congregation, both ministers appeared in church at about the same time.

Meeting in front of the pulpit, they began a discussion which grew hotter until the minister from Pocasset was heard to say: "You have no business here at all! You are not a minister, and you know it, and this is no place for you to be!"

The ministers struck at each other with clenched fists. Some of the workmen rushed for the doors while the others looked on in astonishment. Then the parsons clinched, and it looked as if they would fall in a heap on the floor, but they "broke away" just in time. When they finally separated, the minister from Bourne walked down to the end of the hall and stood beside the stove and glared at his rival until the service was over, but hostilities were not resumed.

Caught by Hoboken Police.

A man who gave his name as John Kelly, aged twenty-two years, with no home, was arrested in Hoboken yesterday afternoon, charged with the larceny of \$1 from a pedler. The prisoner answered the description of George Egan, wanted in Worcester, Mass., for maliciously assaulting one Thomas Devor on the night of February 21 and escaping with \$125. He was held for identification by the Worcester police.

A CURIOSITY SHOP FOR SPORTSMEN.

A Decidedly Up-to-Date One Has Been Opened at the Big Garden.

Trophies That Have Been Won and Implements with Which to Win Others Are There.

LOAN EXHIBITS MOST POPULAR.

Indian Guides from North and West, Expert Marksmen and the Twentieth Century Girl in Friendly Congress.

Three thousand people visited the Sportsmen's Show, which was opened at Madison Square Garden yesterday. The exhibition this year is far superior to that of last year, being more complete. There are also many novel features to interest the public.

The trade exhibits, which take up all the ground floor in the garden, embrace every branch in the sporting goods line, from a cigarette to a cannon.

In the concert hall on the second floor, on a rifle contest in 1878, is a conspicuous exhibit, comprising cups, medals and banners, and other trophies won by famous athletes, yachtsmen and crack shots.

The exhibit of Howard Gould, the owner of the forty-rater, Niagara, which won many prizes in Buffalo waters, was one of the centres of attraction. The cups are of beautiful design and very costly.

The hundreds of prizes won by champion rifle shot, "Gus" Zimmerman, in this country and Europe, also came in for their share of attention. The Palma Cup, which has been loaned by Judge Gildersleeve, and which was won by the American team, of which he was a member in the International rifle contest in 1878, is a conspicuous exhibit. The many trophies won by the New York Athletic Club members on the track and field take up one side of the room, and Lieutenant Peary, the Arctic explorer, has on exhibition implements of the Esquimaux including guns, spears and costumes, and some the specimens of the walrus. Many trophies of the skill of the Rev. Dr. W. S. Rainsford with the rifle are also on exhibition.

The Indians, trappers and guides occupy the Twenty-sixth street end of the Garden, and a number of wild cats, panthers and other native wild animals are on exhibition. The Twentieth century girl was the cynosure of all eyes. She is a shapely miss, dressed in a bloomer costume, with golfing stockings. She flitted about among the exhibits, at one minute punching the bag, at another astride a wheel, and later on she was noticed paddling around the tank in a pneumatic boat.

One of the attractions was an exhibition of rifle marksmanship, by Pauline Cook and May Clinton. They performed seemingly impossible feats with magazine rifles, concluding their exhibition with a duet on a string of silver bells, making the melody with bullets from their rifles.

The exhibit of sporting boats is very complete. A full-sized duplicate of the half-toner, Ethelwyn, attracts much attention. A motor cycle and a bicycle tandem boat, which the inventor claims can attain a speed of ten miles an hour, are also on exhibition.

Many of the exhibitors distribute souvenirs with a lavish hand, silver match boxes, cigar cutters, buttons, baseballs, trout flies and gunpowder are among the gifts given away.

E. M. Gordon, the sharpshooter, had the tip of his index finger on the left hand crushed while he was giving his exhibition in the afternoon. The hammer of his rifle cutting the flesh through to the bone.

DASHES OF CITY NEWS.

Frank Curry, accused of availing East Side machine gun of bogus checks, was confronted by seven of his victims in Yorkville Court yesterday.

Only two women faced the Civil Service Board yesterday to be examined for places as assistant landowners in the Department of Correction, carrying a salary of \$700 per annum each. Sixty applicants for policemen submitted to mental examinations.

Charles L. McCarthy, formerly clerk in the money order department of the city Post Office, charged with embezzlement, failed to respond when his case was called before Judge Brown, of the United States Court yesterday. The judge continued the matter for one week.

The proprietor of the Syrian coffee room, at No. 63 Washington street, was held in the Centre Street Police Court yesterday, charged with conducting a pool room. Others arrested when the place was raided were discharged.

Arrangements have been made for the New York Kindergarten Association, at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, on Thursday. Duse, Gadski and others will appear.

Policeman Sheehan, of the Charles Street Police Station, withdrew the charge of highway robbery he had preferred against George Chamberlain, a truck driver, of No. 63 Downing street, and the latter was dismissed. Chamberlain and the latter was dismissed. Chamberlain and the latter was dismissed. Chamberlain and the latter was dismissed.

Adolph Von Haritz was sentenced to imprisonment for sixty days by the Court of Special Sessions yesterday. He was convicted of stealing by means of a bogus employment bureau at No. 350 East Tenth street.

A carcass of beef, infected with tuberculosis, was condemned by health officers yesterday at the stand of W. H. Mowerson, No. 63 Thompson avenue, and destroyed.

Michael O'Flaherty and Annie Williams, both colored, of No. 247 West Thirty-second street, and twenty-three and twenty-two years of age, were committed to the Department of Correction yesterday. John Kennedy, a fish pedler, of No. 240 West Fortieth street, accused them of the theft of \$2.

U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R., was granted permission to conduct memorial services at General Grant's tomb on Memorial Day by the Park Board yesterday. Plans for the construction of Prospect Hill road, on Pelham Bay Park, were submitted to the Board by the consulting engineer.

Michael Higgins, thirty-seven years old, a domestic, was charged with having buried an ash can through the window of William Calhoun's saloon, at No. 440 West Twenty-second street on Sunday, because he could not gain admission. He was held in \$500 bail for trial in Jefferson Market Court yesterday.

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Three Juvenile Burglars Who Boast of Their Crimes.

Two of them are fifteen years old, the other only thirteen, but they are daring and incorrigible thieves. Sunday was their chosen day for looting buildings, and where they found no money they usually did malicious damage to papers and office furniture.

which street, where Jeremiah Fitzpatrick deals in imported glass. They got \$12.25. For some reason they did not commit any robberies the next Sunday.

"It was a hoodoo day," said Brennan, "and so we laid off."

They made up for it March 1, however, and began by climbing to the roof of the tenement at No. 194 Franklin street, whence they went to the roof of No. 308 Greenwich street, and entered the office of A. L. & J. J. Reynolds, cheese dealers.

THEY LIKED PERPUMERY.

The only thing they found there was a bottle of cologne, and this they poured over themselves. The office of Sam Weil, a paste manufacturer, was then visited, but nothing taken from it.

Brennan and Maloney were hungry by this time and went to dinner. When they came out they met Connors, and asked him to join them. He agreed, and Maloney proposed to rob a liquor store, as he wanted to taste champagne. They picked out the store of Louis Whippenny, No. 211 West street, and got to the roof by going through a tenement house. They ripped open the scuttle and went to the ground floor. Finding no champagne, they compromised on whiskey and sherry. Maloney

hunger, and the writer avers that the captain and crew of eight were all of New York. No. 1142 Eighteenth street is given as the address of the writer's mother, but as no such address exists in this city, the city officials believe the story to be one of the periodical fake "bottle stories."

Discord of the Musicians.
No aggressive action was taken yesterday by the Arbitration Committee of the Central Labor Union regarding the orchestra of the Fourteenth Street Theatre. The committee called on Manager Rousquest and the interview was a friendly one. He was asked to co-operate in the efforts of the Manhattan Musical Union and the Central Labor Union to amalgamate the Manhattan Musical Union and the Musical Protective Union of the city.

"Christian Architecture."
Silas McBee, an architect of note, and who for many years was connected with the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., delivered a lecture last night at the Hotel Savoy on "Christian Architecture." The lecturer, by means of a large stereopticon, threw some very pretty features of architecture upon the screen. He treated the matter from the artistic standpoint and reviewed the history of church architecture. Michael Angelo, he said, was the greatest of Christian architects. Mr. McBee treated the architecture of the new Cathedral of St. John the Divine, which he said, has all the features of Christian architecture.

When the insurgents, led by Maceo, first entered Pinar del Rio, every town in the province except the capital city welcomed him with open arms, and no property was injured. Later, the Government troops entered the province, and, moving in strong columns, dislodged the insurgents from town to town, establishing their own garrisons there. Thereupon, the inhabitants burned their own town, and nearly the entire province is now in ashes.

Spanish troops occupy the city of Pinar del Rio, the towns of Candelaria, Artamisa and the port of Coliza. All the rest of the province is in the hands of the enemy. Recently a Spanish force was sent to establish a base of supplies at Guana. Upon the approach of the column the residents burned their town.

In the general devastation of Pinar del Rio tobacco, warehouses have been burned, and the indications are that this crop will not be permitted to reach the coast. Banana and pineapple crops will also be interfered with. Shipments from the interior to the seacoast towns have been so completely blocked that at Guana, in this province, cows are offered for sale at \$4 each, pigs at \$1, turkeys at forty cents, and eggs and milk have no price.

Here, in Havana, these things are worth